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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

One of the responsibilities of a NOAA Corps officer is to be able to respond to catastrophes with leadership, courage, flexibility, and resilience. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have put officers of all ranks to the test in ways we hardly could have imagined. I am proud and honored to be the director of the NOAA Corps at this time, because our officers have excelled during the aftermath of the hurricanes and continue to put forth extraordinary efforts to help mitigate the effects of these disasters.

NOAA Corps officers, Public Health Service officers assigned to NMAO, and civilians worked together to support the nation during these national disasters in many ways—sometimes within the parameters of their jobs, and sometimes far exceeding those parameters.

Our aircraft flight crews worked around the clock to provide critical data to accurately predict the track and intensity of the life-threatening storms. Commanding officers of NOAA ships with crews devastated by Hurricane Katrina led their people through personal loss and faced new types of leadership challenges, including filling the role of counselor. Significant work was done by officers and crew members to help others within demolished communities, including personal donations of supplies. Other challenges were also daunting. They included initially providing housing and meals to NOAA's homeless aboard a NOAA ship and communications support to the Coast Guard and Navy; flying thousands of track lines to photograph the devastation, enabling residents of affected areas to see on the website if their homes were still intact; and flying damage assessment flights with the Director of the National Hurricane Center and the NOAA Administrator.

The challenges kept on coming . . . working day and night to scan port areas for obstructions as part of Navigational Response Teams or aboard a hydrographic survey ship; outfitting a coastal oceanographic vessel with multibeam and side scan sonar to survey port areas, and then switching gears to assess oil spills and contamination affecting living marine resources; finding and repairing damaged tide gauges; flying food, water, gas, and critical supplies to affected areas; tracking down scarce, essential vaccines and driving hundreds of miles to deliver them to another line office; and flying missions to find hazardous material spills and stranded marine mammals.

And still the challenges continued. . . coordinating a multitude of response activities from the field, centers and headquarters; cleaning up wreckage that used to be NOAA facilities and even smelly bait lockers to make living conditions more bearable; recovering a weather data buoy; standing watch 24/7 at the NOAA Homeland Security Office's Incident Coordination Center and Operations Center watch desks; coordinating activities with the Coast Guard, Navy, Army Corps of Engineers, port officials and federal, state, and local agencies; dealing with oil spills that in total exceeded the Exxon Valdez spill; rolling up sleeves to do whatever dirty work was needed; holding fundraisers and collecting clothing in far distant communities for hurricane victims; and simple acts of kindness in helping individuals, however possible, pick up the pieces of their lives.

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These efforts were a strong example of “One NOAA,” where all came together to provide help where needed, regardless of line office or position.

Even in the best of times, the NOAA Corps is the thread running through all of NOAA. In the worst of times, NOAA Corps officers can be counted upon to provide quick response, problem-solving capabilities, leadership and action. NOAA Corps officers also serve side by side with officers of other services. Indeed, the Coast Guard requested that NOAA Corps officers be detailed to them over the next several months to help with their post-Katrina response efforts.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have made it clear that the NOAA Corps must always be prepared with “surge capacity,” whereby we can muster ourselves to go far beyond our already stretched capabilities. We are a small service, but by working smart and hard and together, we can and must increase our capacity to do more in service to the nation when need arises. We have proven, in Katrina and Rita, that we are prepared and able to do so. Planning ahead for such contingencies should be high on our agenda.

Not everyone has the opportunity to become involved during events of national significance. That’s a very good thing, because if the important work all of you do each day came to a standstill, NOAA would be severely crippled. The support NMAO and the NOAA Corps provides to our agency partners in all disciplines is vital to the health of the organization. The support NMAO and the NOAA Corps provides to our agency partners in all disciplines is vital to the health of the organization.

Thank you for your professionalism, compassion, and service, and for the risks you take for your country in your daily work and during times of crisis. NOAA has received the gratitude of the nation for the agency’s accurate and timely forecasts and warnings about Hurricane Katrina and its Herculean response in the storm’s aftermath. You, the uniformed service of NOAA, have played a major role in these efforts and in the overall well-being of NOAA.

WINTER UNIFORM OF THE DAY

The winter uniform of the day for the NOAA Corps is as follows:

Washington, D.C. Boulder, CO	October 3, 2005	Prescribed: Alternate:	Service Dress Blue Service Khaki
Seattle, WA	October 3, 2005	Prescribed: Alternate:	Service Dress Blue Service Khaki/Winter Blue
Norfolk, VA	October 17, 2005	Prescribed: Alternate:	Service Dress Blue Service Khaki/Winter Blue
Tampa, FL	year round	Prescribed: Alternate: Prescribed: Alternate:	Flight Suits (aviation officers) Service Khaki Service Khaki (non-aviation officers) Summer White

The prescribed uniform for officers working at the Herbert C. Hoover Building conducting official business in non-NOAA facilities, and conducting official business on Capitol Hill will be Service Dress Blue without substitutions and regardless of command. The prescribed uniform for officers attending or testifying at Congressional Hearings is Service Dress Blue.

Working Khaki is authorized only in the appropriate shipboard or field environment, and when traveling directly to and from work. Foul weather gear, coveralls, and command ball caps may be worn with the working khaki uniform as weather and circumstances dictate.

All NOAA Corps officers shall wear the uniform properly and adhere to appearance standards in the NOAA Corps Uniform Directives.

BILLET LIST

Attached to this Bulletin is a current NOAA Corps Billet List. The list has been updated from PCS orders received by CPC through September 30, 2005.

I. PROMOTIONS

John E. Lowell, Jr.	CAPT	07/01/05
Michael C. Davidson	LTJG	07/01/05
David E. Fischman	LTJG	07/01/05
Silas M. Ayers	LTJG	07/01/05
Emily B. Christman	CAPT	08/05/05
Paul L. Schattgen	CDR	08/05/05
Harris B. Halverson, II	CDR	08/05/05
Todd A. Bridgeman	LCDR	08/05/05
Barry K. Choy	CDR	09/23/05
Michael D. Francisco	CDR	09/23/05
Edward J. Van Den Ameele	LCDR	09/23/05
James A. Illg	LCDR	09/23/05
Alexandra R. Von Saunder	LCDR	09/23/05
Robert A. Kamphaus	LCDR	09/23/05
Daniel J. Price	LT	09/23/05
Jessica S. Kondel	LT	09/23/05
Nicole S. Lambert	LT	09/23/05
Nicole D. Colasacco	LT	09/23/05
Chad M. Cary	LT	09/23/05
Jennifer E. Pralgo	LT	09/23/05
Sean D. Cimilluca	LT	09/23/05
Charles J. Yoos, III	LT	09/23/05
Paul A. Householder	LTJG	09/23/05
Nicola Samuelson	LTJG	09/23/05
Patrick L. Murphy	LTJG	09/23/05
Colin D. Little	LTJG	09/23/05
Leah A. Harman	LTJG	09/23/05
Jason R. Mansour	LTJG	09/23/05
Briana J. Welton	LTJG	09/23/05
Abigail S. Higgins	LTJG	09/23/05
Brent J. Pounds	LTJG	09/23/05
Amanda L. Goeller	LTJG	09/23/05

II. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

Mary A. Barber	ENS	08/10/05
Matthew P. Berg	ENS	08/10/05
Christopher W. Daniels	ENS	08/10/05
Matthew C. Davis	ENS	08/10/05
Nathan P. Eldridge	ENS	08/10/05
Francisco J. Fuenmayor	ENS	08/10/05
Matthew Glazewski	ENS	08/10/05
David M. Gothan	ENS	08/10/05
Sarah A.T. Harris	ENS	08/10/05
Meghan E. McGovern	ENS	08/10/05
Damian M. Ray	ENS	08/10/05
Lecia M. Salerno	ENS	08/10/05

II. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (continued)

Raul Vasquez del Mercado	ENS	08/10/05
William G. Winner	ENS	08/10/05
Victoria E. Zalewski	ENS	08/10/05
Christiaan H. Van Westendorp	ENS	09/30/05

III. PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVED RETIREMENTS

Robert W. Poston	CDR	12/01/05
Gary P. Bulmer	CAPT	01/01/06
John C. Clary, III	CAPT	02/01/06
Philip S. Hill	CDR	11/01/06

V. APPROVED RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS

Jeffrey R. Judas	LT	11/30/05
Lawrence-Slavas, Noah	LT	12/15/05
Erik M. Eilers	LT	12/31/05
Jessica S. Kondel	LTJG	03/01/06

VI. RETIREMENTS

Robert X. McCann	CAPT	07/01/05
Dean L. Smehil	CAPT	08/01/05
William E. Sites	CDR	09/01/05

VII. RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS

Sarah L. Scherer	LT	08/12/05
Shannon M. Ristau	LTJG	08/15/05
Chadwick A. Brown	LTJG	08/15/05
Douglas J. Krause	LT	09/21/05

VIII. OTHER CHANGES TO THE LINEAL LIST

None.

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